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THE CHILEAN EXILE COMMITTEE IN COSTA RICA WAS RECENTLY ADVISED THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING TO RELEASE 100 LEFTIST POLITICAL PRISONERS. OFFICIALS OF THE COMMITTEE TALKED TO GONZALO FACIO SEGREDÁ, COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER, REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR SOME OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS TO EMIGRATE TO COSTA RICA, FACIO SAID THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO ADMITTING PRISONERS PROVIDING THEY DID NOT CREATE SOCIAL

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UNREST OR BECOME A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THE COUNTRY. BASED ON THEIR TALK WITH FACIO, COMMITTEE OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THAT APPROXIMATELY 30 LEFTIST CHILEANS COULD BE RECEIVED IN COSTA RICA.

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2. IN SELECTING THE 30 POLITICAL PRISONERS TO BE BROUGHT TO COSTA RICA THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO DIVIDE THE QUOTA EQUALLY AMONG MEMBERS OF THE CHILEAN REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR), SOCIALIST, AND COMMUNIST PARTIES. THE NAMES OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED, HOWEVER, ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE DIRECTORATE OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY IN MOSCOW. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SELECTION, THE COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED THE COSTA RICAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PVP) TO ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY IN OBTAINING THE LIST OF PRISONERS VIA THE LOCAL SOVIET EMBASSY.

3. COMMENT:

THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY RELEASED A FEW OF THE 100 POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES INVOLVED ARE TRYING TO FIND GOVERNMENTS WHO WILL RECEIVE THE OTHERS. SEE SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAM 7437, DATED 6 DECEMBER 1974.)

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